



THINGS TO BRING

FOR STUDY: (required)

- ❖ Your own **Aria Book** with 2 copies of each aria or song you wish to work on. (Copies are expensive and not readily available)
- ❖ Your own **Scene Book** with a **clear 2 copies of each of your scenes** (one for you the other for the accompanist)
- ❖ **Notebook** for Italian Class
- ❖ An **Italian Dictionary** for Class
- ❖ Pencils, pens,
- ❖ 3 hole punch (light weight)

Useful Things to Bring:

Electronic Converter - for Italy	Hair Dryer (220W)
Bug Repellant (mosquito)	Hair Products (shampoo etc)
Portable Clothes line	Alarm Clock
Beach Towel (light weight)	Walking Shoes
Nail Polish & Remover packets	

- ❖ Make sure any electrical products are able to switch to 220 W Voltage

MONEY: IMPORTANT- TO DO:

Remember with ATM machines you can only take out a certain amount per day or per week. Please check with your bank before you leave to know these amounts.

Notify your bank that you will be out of the country in Italy using your card. Your bank will know and will allow charges and withdrawals to your account while in Italy. Some banks will shut down your account!

There are many banks in Montecatini-Terme – contact your bank to make sure of your fees, rates and charges and what ATM's you should utilize for the best rates while in Italy.

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Suggestions:

- ❖ Money for Internet Store
- ❖ Money for possible Excursions and travel before and after the program
- ❖ It is also smart to have Euros before you leave so upon arriving in Italy you do not have to exchange at the airport as these rates are very high.
- ❖ I would suggest that you have more than one way to be able to get money while abroad.
- ❖ Know the exchange rate so you know exactly what items cost before you purchase them!

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT MONTECATINI-TERME

Quiet Time in Montecatini-Terme

- ❖ During the hours from 2:00pm-4:00pm each day in the town or at your Hotel, please remember this is **quiet time**. You may go out and about, but the stores are often closed for this time period. The School (La Querceta) may be open, but **THERE WILL BE NO SINGING or WARMING UP, PLAYING OF PIANOS OR INSTRUMENTS during this quiet time!**

Other Things

- ❖ **Pharmacies (Farmacie)**
- ❖ Farmacia Internazionale – Piazza del Popolo 37
- ❖ Farmacia Ascioti & Co SNC – Via Foscolo 10
- ❖ Farmacia Centrale – Corso Giacomo Matteotti 10
- ❖ Farmacia Della Stazione - Corso Giacomo Matteotti 144
- ❖ Farmacia Le Terme – Piazza del Popolo 5

Medical Attention – Via Manin 22

Taxi Service – Piazza d’Azeglio 0572/71352 - 75161

- ❖ **Bus Station (Stazione)** located in Piazza Italia – schedules are ever changing best to check with the information desk at the bus station or at the Information Informazioni turistiche –Viale Verdi 66 www.montecatiniturismo.it
- ❖ **Post Office (2) Via Amendola 1 and Via Cividale**
- ❖ **Municipal Swimming Pool – Via Cimabue, Tennis- Piazzale Torretta, Miniture Golf – Viale Bustichini 59, Hiking, Biking**
- ❖ Travel Guide pick up a Michelin Guide to Italy (the Green Book)
- ❖ Good map of Italy – Michelin are usually good and can be found at Barnes n Nobel
- ❖ Gourmet Traveler by Fred Plotkin (Kyle books)

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Words of Advice about Traveling:

Airport or Train Stations

In **Rome especially** or any other large city be careful of pickpockets. Be aware of your surroundings!

- ❖ Do not put your wallet in your back pants pockets
- ❖ NEVER .leave your luggage unattended

Other great helpful websites to look at before you leave!

www.enjoyrome.com

www.amoretravelguides.com

www.walkabouttravelgear.com

www.goitaly.about.com

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